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I can't believe that the judicial system in this country would be so spineless in it's treatment of Microsoft. As an end user of competing products, I have watched Microsoft systematically force those products and companies out of business. Most of those products, in my opinion, are superior to what Microsoft offers but when faced with the might of Microsoft are not able to compete.

It has been proven that when Microsoft wants a market they will give there software away to collapse the competition. They can afford to give software away because the use income from other products to subsidize.

It has been proven that Microsoft will withhold information about the coding of there OS from competing venders that will allow Microsoft products to work better.

It has been proven that Microsoft will lie to the courts of this country. (ex. The demonstration that Internet Explorer could not be removed from Windows because it was interwoven into the OS. and disproved in court by and independent consultant)

It has been proven that Microsoft has no respect for the our judicial system. The ruling in California ? against Microsoft in the Java suit with Sun Microsystems. In Bill Gates affidavit, he indicated that the ruling did not change the way Microsoft operated at all. In this case, one of Microsoft's tactics was in full swing. Take an open standard software meant to be used by all. Corrupt it so that it will only work with Microsoft products. Then take it over because you have 90% of the desktop computers out there.

Microsoft has been found guilty of being a monopolist. And the courts only seem interested in giving the appearance of punitive action. Offering to provide schools with its product only furthers the stronghold that they already have. And caused further injury to the stability of companies like Apple and others that have a reasonable market share in the education community.

Lets look to the future:

Windows XP is forcing the end user to open there networks to Microsoft for licensing. During this time Microsoft can retrieve any information it wants from the end users computer. It can learn anything from passwords to what other products are installed.

Windows XP has features that record credit card numbers during online

purchases. These numbers are stored on Microsoft servers. These numbers could be used without the consent of the end user.

Microsoft is fully aware of the big brother stance they have taken. Take look at the advertising campaign that they are currently using. The people in the commercial are flying around and the pitch is that Windows XP will give the user freedom and that it is liberating. The compensating hard sell is no doubt intended to disarm the public.

While not an expert on the law governing monopolies it seems that the threshold for other companies being considered as monopolies is much lower than has been applied to Microsoft.

Don't you get it. You have a problem here.